

## Weekly Update with Prez Hands - July 20, 2023



Hello Mesa College Community,  
*Weekly Updates from Prez Hands* provide a brief overview of the exciting efforts occurring within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

### **Office of the President Updates**

The San Diego Foundation, in partnership with the County of San Diego, awarded San Diego Mesa College \$125,000 to work with program partner Garden 31 and student leaders to address food sovereignty by improving the TerraMesa Community Garden, expanding programming, and deepening collaboration with other food security initiatives on campus. The award is part of \$5,563,500 in grants provided to 43 community-based organizations - including San Diego Mesa College - to help San Diegans experiencing food insecurity by supporting localized, sustainable food production and distribution throughout the region. The Community Food Grant Program focuses on efforts to strengthen and scale community-led strategies to address food and nutrition insecurity with local solutions that prioritize low-income and historically marginalized communities.

### **Office of Student Services Updates**

FREE legal immigration consultations with an attorney are available for students and employees! Mesa College and Borderless Scholars are partnering with JFS/HELs to offer FREE legal immigration consultations! To learn more about this service, please contact the EOPS Office to schedule an appointment with a Borderless Scholars Counselor or visit our website at:

<https://www.sdmesa.edu/student-services/eops/borderless-scholars/resources.shtml> and [www.jfssd.org/HELs](http://www.jfssd.org/HELs)

CalWORKs, CARE, and The Stand are inviting students to learn about Mesa College resources and connect with other student-parents! The Summer Parent Café happens every Monday in July from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact [mesacalworks@sdccd.edu](mailto:mesacalworks@sdccd.edu) or [click here](#) for a flyer.

The Registration Rally is in full swing. EOPS in partnership with Assessment, CRUISE, and Financial Aid will be hosting this event every Wednesday from now until August 9 in I4-201.

### **In the Know**

For additional information on what is happening on campus and in our community – visit the links below:

1. [Mesa College Newsroom](#)
2. [Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Best,  
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